Barony of Caer Galen
December 2015 Newsletter

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Archery Champion: Ella White
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Arts & Sciences Champion: Mistress Signy von Velden
Harp of Caer Galen: Lady Vanozza da Corbetta
Doge of Caer Galen: His Serene and Illustrious Highness, Don Thomas Vandale

Pope of Caer Galen: Her Holiness,
Mistress Anne Bigod
Keepers of the Unicorn Horn - Young Sophia and Erasmus

Retinue

Head of House: Lady Anabel la clergesse
Mistress Yazida bint Zarif
Valet: Lord Eric Litefoote of Studley
Ladies in Waiting:
THL Matilda Beresford
Lady Jehennette van Mynden
Lady Miriam Volpe
Lady Bree of Caer Galen
Lady Gillian Elizabeth Dawnser
Lady Nerienda

Guards

Dona Tatiana Bonacieux
Don Thomas Vandale
Lord Eric Litefoote of Studley
Lord Stigr Robertsson
Lord Finn Ua Briain
Lord Miquel lolo di Genoa

Ensigns

Dona Tatiana Bonacieux - Rapier
Lord Miquel lolo di Genoa - Rapier
Lord Stigr Robertsson - Heavy
Lord Ketill Geirason - Heavy
Lord Konrad von Alpirsbach - Archery

Kingdom Calendar

January 2016

2 Barony of Caerthe - 12th Night K/Q
9 Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass - 12th Night & War Practice Q
16 Shire of Aarquelle - Viking Vinter Vonderlandt
16 Barony of Fontaine dans Sable 12th Night K/Q
23 Shire of Plattefordham - Candlemas K/Q
30 Barony of Dragonsspine - Candlemas K/Q

February 2016

6 Barony of Caerthe - Tri Baronial A&S Competition K/Q
7 College of Saint Golias - Southern War Practice
13 Shire of Aarquelle - As You Wish: Boys & Girls Club Fundraiser
23-29 Kingdom of Atenveldt - Estrella War K/Q

March 2016

12 Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass - Crown Tournament K/Q/P/P
12-20 Kingdom of Gleann Abhann - Gulf Wars K/Q

Monthly Events

Business Meeting

First Monday of the month
6:30pm to 8pm
Old Chicago, Longmont CO

Folkmoot

First Tuesday of the month
6pm to 9pm
Boulder County Fairgrounds,
9595 Nelson Road - Barn A
Longmont CO 80501

Fighter Practice

Tuesdays, 6pm to 9pm
Boulder County Fairgrounds,
9595 Nelson Road - Barn A
Longmont CO 80501

Bookbinders Guild

Third Wednesday of the month
7pm to 9pm (food available beforehand ~6pm)
Where: THL's Hayashi and Shoshanah's house
673 W. Locust Ct., Louisville, CO 80027
(303) 926-1971 (home)

Archery Practice

Sundays 10am
Hawks Hollow Archery Practice
at Empty Quiver Archery Range
117th and Teller in Broomfield
$6 Range Fee
Loaner or rental equipment is available

Baronesses's Progress

January 2nd - Caerthe 12th Night.
January 9th - AnTir 12th Night
January 16th - Viking Vinder Vunderlant
January 23rd - Plattfordham's Candlemas
January 30th - Dragonsspine's Candlemas
February 6th - Tri-Baronial A&S in Caerthe
February 23rd-29th Estrella War

Missives from the Baronesses

December Folkmoot

It's already Friday and I realized we'd forgotten to post a recap from Folkmoot. Welcome to my December madness!

We had a lovely turnout. We took a moment to send thoughts and prayers to Lord Juan's family and friends as we mourn his passing. Baron Caer Galen regaled us in the plans for Midwinter. Please check the website for full details (http://niftycraft.com/midwinter/).

We also heard from our current Harp of Caer Galen, who encouraged folks to come to midwinter and vote for the person you feel most embodies the spirit of Caer Galen.

We were also able to recognize young Aiden di Firenze and Helena Leifsdottir as Hedgehogs for their fine work and help they provide to ourselves and others. These Urchins of Caer Galen were quite gleeful to proudly wear their hoods bearing the badge of their order.

Thank you and we hope to see everyone at Midwinter in just over a week!

Anne and Matilda
Baronesses of Caer Galen

Midwinter

There was so much awesomeness at Caer Galen Midwinter on Saturday that this missive cannot begin to hold it all.

Firstly, we would like to thank Master Massimiliano, Baron Caer Galen, for the tremendous effort he put into making this event so special. He led a team of teachers, chefs, organizers and general helpers into making a Midwinter that sets a new level of entertainment expection.

Thank you, Lady Helga, for organizing some super fun all-ages activities. There was a castle (Matilda enjoyed visiting it), grotesque coloring and grotesque making! The piñata was a sight to behold. And Luttrell Psalter trivia! And a grotesque contest!

The tournament to determine the new Captain of the Guard was a grind, testing the mettle of all the fighters. We thank the outgoing Captain, Dona Tatiana, for assuring that her successor was tested and proved worthy. Lord Miguel has taken up the responsibility of our Captain. Special thanks go to Lord Timothy for refurbishing the Captain's sword and building a new scabbard for it.

Lady Thorunn stepped down as our Exchequer after providing laudable service to Caer Galen. Her replacement is Mistress Demelza, who has our fullest confidence.

At long last, some of the awards of Caer Galen have regalia! With the assistance of the former Barons and Baronesses, we handed out cast bronze pins for the Golden Nightingales, cast and enameled medallions for the Storytellers, patches for the Poignard Noirs and patches on hoods for the Hedgehogs. The following artisans helped us to create about 100 pieces of regalia – Mistress Signy von Velden, Don Wolfgang Sebastian Kohlhammer, Dona Rowena Colebrook, Mistress Jeanne-Marie Dubois, Mistress Ansteys Darcy, Master Massimiliano Pontieri dal Sasso, Mistress Yazida bint Zarif, Master Deotrich Hilitpard and Baroness Cecily de Heselington.

Congratulations to our herald, Lady Vanozza da Corbetta for being voted by the populace to be the next Harp of Caer Galen!

Here is a list of the awards we bestowed yesterday:
Thorunn Grimmsdottir – Harp and Chalice
Erasmus – Hedgehog
Alexandra – Hedgehog
Jordan Loch – Bard Militant
Lisa Ua Brian – Chalice of St. William the Cooper
Livia Agrinali – Golden Nightingale
Miguel Iolo de Genoa – Arch
Maria Castellana – Curmudgeon
Tatiana Bonacieux – Storyteller
Dominique du Montmartre – Arch (in absentia, from Bows, Bridles & Blades)

Their Royal Majesties were quite generous to the people of Caer Galen, and hopefully that report will be shared by their herald soon. One thing of note, Mistress Signy von Velden was offered admittance to the Order of the Laurel! She will give her answer at a later date. We are very pleased for Signy!

The feast was perfect. Sir Lief and Lady Pvari and their intrepid crew fed a full and hungry hall. The servers, organized by Lord Ketill, were quick, efficient and joyful.

Our cousins from al-Barran had one of their attendants sing us a song about Caer Galen. In reciprocation, some quick-thinking Caer Galenites composed and sang a song about al-Barran. Much joy was shared.

Mistress Yazida ran a rousing game of Caer Galen Musical Chairs. An intrakingdom incident may have happened when the Baroness of al-Barran beat Her Majesty the Queen in the finals.

Finally, we wish all to know our gratitude for those who pitched in every time there was a need. You were setting up chairs, moving tables, decorating the hall, shoveling and salting the sidewalk, toting stuff in and out, unloading and loading cars, etc. We saw new people, long-time players and some newly returned to the SCA.

With great efforts or small, you are the reason that Caer Galen has a reputation for hospitality.

Ever proud to serve you, we remain,

Anne & Matilda
Baronesses of Caer Galen

Tribaronial A&S

Hello crafty Caer Galen!
Have you thought about entering for Baronial A&S Champion?
Are you able to help judge or maybe just want to display your awesome project?

If so, check out the website here: http://kyrrin.wix.com/tribaronial2016
If not, you should check out the website anyway. It's going to be a good time!

al-Barran Midwinter

Stories of grand deeds of Caer Galenites are coming home after al-Barran's Midwinter. Helping in the kitchen, fighting at war practice and this little gem from Mistress Ymanya:
"First, allow me to congratulate our winners for the Gaming Hall!

Lady Anabel la clergesse stood victorious at the end of the day, and she will receive a custom silk banner in honor of her triumph."

Way to represent Lady Anabel (Jennifer)!

Photo by Lady Kathleen Willeson

Officer Reports

A&S Minister - Baronin Katherina

Greetings Caer Galen.

I am happy to report the following A&S activities that happened in Nov.

Please accept my apologies if I have missed anything. If I have, please contact me off list, and I will make sure that I get it included in next month's report.

What is Working Well Locally:

Local A&S Events:
Caer Galen Bookbinders Guild - Monthly Meeting - No meeting due to the Holidays.

Late reports for October
Hayashi
1. The Bookbinders Guild had a demo table at Unser Hafen's Newcomers event, and we taught a dozen people how to make Japanese Stab Binding books.
2. The November Caer Galen Bookbinders Guild Meeting will be on Wednesday November 18th, 7PM to 9PM. No particular theme for this meeting, so bring your own projects or come to help put together kits for making stab bindings.

A&S Classes in Local Group:
Late reports for October
Hayashi
1. Held open house/workshop and worked on lampwork beads, brass tools, and bone tools. I learned to make lampwork goldfish.

Other A&S Local Activities:
Elizabeth Dauch
1. Attended the candle making gathering, made a few dipped candles and a few poured candles.

Dwen Andersdottir
1. A few silk banners here and there, including a dreadful fuschia one that burned my eyes while it was being created.
2. Currently working on a fighting tunic for my consort.

Shoshanah Bas Ruven
1. I finished my KAOS project.

Hayashi
1. Worked on an award scroll.
2. Assisted Nerienda in making two gothic books
3. Taught how to make Japanese Stab binding books at the CGBB monthly meeting.
4. The CGBB made a dozen stab binding books for largesse for Midwinter.

In Service.

Baronin Katherina von Lehmann

Exchequer - Lady Thorunn

Greetings Caer Galen!

This is my last official report as your Exchequer. There were a total of 3 checks written in the month of Nov for $118 and a total of 3 deposits, totaling $283.

Donations for fighter practice have been down when I have been there. Collected by me for the month of November was $36. We paid the Insurance for 2016 at the fairgrounds, $50.

Please remember the fairgrounds is not free. We do have to pay for that. The amount I collected last month did not cover the insurance fee. And this month we will need to pay the site rental for the first half of 2016.

Fighter Practice Site
Total
Total forward -$1,572.60
Jan $150 -$1,422.60
Feb $1,890 $467.40
Mar $81 $548.40
Apr $110 $658.40
May $51 $709.40
June $60 $769.40
July $26 $145.40 Paid $650 for Winter site
Aug $0 $145.40
Sept $48.00 $193.40
Oct $103 $296.40
Nov $36 $282.40 $50 paid for Insurance

It has been a pleasure serving the great Barony of Caer Galen as your Exchequer.

YIS
Thorunn Grimsdottír

Hospitaller- Lady Livia

Greetings,

Last month we had a demonstration at Imagine Charter school for the fourth graders. Thank you to Don Thomas and Nico for helping. The kids shared there favorite role model in history, and what it means to be chivalrious. Don Thomas and Nico put on an excellent fencing display and we had so much fun that time flew by too fast. Thank you again and a special thanks to Lord Madra for letting me borrow some cool armor and shiny stuff.

Yours in service,
Livia

Knight Marshal – Lord Finn

Greetings Caer Galen,
Practices continue at the indoor site (Barn A, Boulder County Fairgrounds), attendance has been variable from 4 fighters to 9 fighters suiting up. We have had two new fighters suit up and a few other folks stop by, watch, and ask questions- we hope to have them in armor joining us!
No injuries or new authorizations to report.
WAR season is upon us- now is a great time to check your authorizations and make certain your armor and weapons are in good repair.
YIS,
Finn

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December 2015 Meeting Minutes

Past Business

Decals – Baroness Matilda

We will have them at Midwinter and may send some to al-Barran Midwinter.

Medallions – Baroness Matilda

The Nightingales were finished at the Studio. Hedgehog hoods are done. Mistress Jeanne-Marie made 20. We would like a photo shoot at Midwinter. The Poignard Noirs are being finished by Baroness Cecily, Baron Max, and Baroness Yaz. Jeanne-Marie, Cecily, Max, and Yaz All Rock!

Inlandish – Baroness Matilda

We receive a $500 check from Hawks Hollow, which was profit from Inlandish.

Current Business

Midwinter 2015 – Master Massimiliano

Max will get the signs from the quartermaster. All the people are in place. Site will be paid day of or after. There will be B&B and Royal rooms. Jeanne-Marie has forms for troll. There are 18 people that have not paid for feast and there is a waiting list. Count for head table is 18. Main all will be used for rapier tournament and dancing.

Tribaronial A&S

We will need to help with gate, judging, set up/ take down.

Estrella War

There will be a Kingdom War Truck.

Defenders

We have the full site. Dates are on the Kingdom calendar.

Exchequer

Lady Thorunn is stepping down. Mistress Demelza is stepping up at Midwinter.

Rapier Marshal

Lady Jehennette is stepping down in January and needs a replacement.

A&S Minister

Baronin Katherina is stepping down in January and needs a replacement.

Business Meeting

THL Shoshanah has found meeting space at Alfalfa's in Lafayette. Room is not available until March.

Medallions

Baroness Matilda has cast 15 Storyteller medallions. She submitted a proposal for cost.

January Meeting

For the meeting, officers should submit goals for 2016 and discuss getting deputies. We may have a new year's social for the January meeting.

Event Reports

Midwinter - Master Massimiliano

Good Morning Caer Galen!

I've written and re-written my impressions of Midwinter twice now, trying not to put so much on the page no one can read it, but I seem incapable of making it brief. Please accept my apologies in that regard. But Midwinter was fantastic. To call it "All I hoped it would be" might not be adequate, even though my hopes were high. More people in attendance than i anticipated, a COMPLETELY FULL feast, great food, and SO many people matching the theme and flavor of the event ... it was better than I imagined. And you people made it that way.

From this event's inception, we enjoyed nothing but top-shelf support from every single person in the Barony. Everyone was enthusiastic, everyone participated in giving us a full year of fun, excitement, and anticipation. So if I were to list everyone who contributed, I'd just be listing everyone.

So I'll go for the much truncated list.

The officers of Caer Galen and Their Excellencies embraced the idea of a no-site-fee event to offer a gift from Caer Galen back to the people who make it great. They all agreed that even if we didn't take in a single donation, it'd be money we spent, not a loss.

Throughout the year, so many people ran classes I'm certain I'll leave someone out, but I'm going to try anyway. Jeanne-Marie, Cecilia (Mandy Goltz), Pvari (Julie Troxel), Anna, Brianna (Kathryn), Wolfgang (Gary Cole), Grellan (Charles Murray-Todd), Yazida, Anne-Elizabeth (Marjorie Monroe-Fischer), all of you gave up precious weekends and evenings to help all of us get to the point where we could walk into that hall feeling like we were ready. To get us to the point that even the scrolls Their Excellencies handed out were in the theme and spirit of the event.

And SO MANY people helped to get the event together! Behind the scenes, quietly, never asking for help or credit and some even asking me not to thank them in public (Don't worry, your wishes will be respected). But so many! Anabel (Jennifer Abamonte), Anne, Matilda, Yazida, Alasdair, Jeanne-Marie, Elizabeth Dauch, Livia (Leia Hodges), Pettronella (whose research will blow your socks off in a few weeks), Cera (Audrey Wilvert), Thorunn (Laura Hargis), Shoshanah, Hayashi, and Ian, your help made the day work.

And then there's the cooks. Pvari and Leifr (Leroy Troxel) pulled together a pile of period recipes a full year in advance, began sourcing materials and examining seasonality to get us a feast that could work well, be ready to serve quickly and while still hot, be 100% period, and still be delicious. They

pulled together a kitchen staff that was absolutely top-flight, tested the recipes and their processes in a few dry runs, and then made it all happen. I will let them name their kitchen staff (by the time I post anything they will probably already have done so), but the number of quiet weekends they gave up to bring this thing to fruition (not Fruitician, that's something different) is non-trivial and I can't thank them enough.

AND THEN there's the people who made it all fly the day of. The staff who handled the gate. The volunteers who helped with setup. The staff that ran the various activities. Jeanne-Marie, Alditha, Anabel, Shoshanah, Katherina, Anne, Matilda, Cecily (Carrie Vaughn), Yazida, Pvari, Leifr X, Elizabeth Dauch, Helga (Samantha), ALL of the Rogues children, Nico, Lana (Lyndsie), Livia, Luetfried (Xris Synesthesia), Zahra (Nancy Nguyen), Soren Nicholson, Sir Gareth (Kent Parker), Keld (Christopher Holtorf), Miguel (Gareth Spiegel), Tatiana (Tatiana Goss), Dane (Dane Barnes), Dane's Friend whose Name I am Blanking but was Eager to Jump in and Do Stuff... the list just goes on and I know I've left a few people off. I apologize for the disservice and plead exhaustion, but know that your help was appreciated immensely.

And then there are the people who volunteered to help with cleanup and stayed till the bitter (frozen) end. When I was so exhausted I couldn't move, these people stuck around to literally save the day. Nico, Lana, Cecily, Yazida, Dwen, Tatiana, Zahra, Soren, Pvari, Leif, Livia, and Luetfried, when everyone else lost steam your endurance and perseverance and help made it possible to get out within our rental window and leave the site cleaner than we found it. Those of you who made with the Quartermaster stuff saved me from making two trips, and Soren, you my friend are a superhero.

See? I've done it, I've gone on too long AND I didn't get everyone in, AND I didn't talk about anything in front of the curtain, only behind. So i've got to go on a little longer.

This day would not have been a success without Their Excellencies of Caer Galen and of the other Great Baronies of the Outlands, and especialy Their Majesties. The time that these great nobles spend making sure that we all have what we need to believe in honor, chivalry, and nobility is invisible to most of us, and the high level of character and theater they all brought to this event was the fulcrum upon which everything else balanced. Their investments in time and money and love and effort made it all work.

And finally, none of this would have been worthwhile if we didn't have nearly 250 of you on site at one point or another. Yes, I exaggerated that number a bit, but only a little, and no I don't care. Rounder numbers make for better narrative flow, and I'm going with it. The point is, a party isn't a party unless everyone comes and has a good time.

Caer Galen, this was YOUR event. Each and every one of you, from the kids who got me with glitter (there's still glitter on my forehead, two showers later) to the people who just came to soak up the atmosphere and play cribbage to the people who played in all the games to the staff

and cooks to the Nobility on stage making each and every one of us believe, YOU made it what it was. I had so much fun I won't recover for a week, and I hope you're all in the same boat.

THANK YOU, Caer Galen. Thank you, honored guests. Thank you all for making this last weekend a dream come true.

Master Massimiliano Pontieri dal Sasso, Baron
Caer Galen, and thoroughly humbled Autocrat

Upcoming Events

Noble people of Caer Galen,
We beg your indulgence and ask you to take a moment to read this long missive. We have much to share.

The New Year starts off with a bang! Caerthen 12th Night is Saturday, January 2nd. Monday January 4th is the more-than-just-a-Business-Meeting (details forthcoming) that everyone is invited to, and Tuesday the 5th is January Folkmoot at practice. We will be having a quick court at 7:30pm.

Artisans, we need you! The Barony's Champion of the Arts and Sciences, Mistress Signy von Velden, is going to retire and we will need a replacement. Consider showing off your talents and entering the Arts & Sciences Competition on February 6th at Tri-Baronial A&S. In order to vie for Champion, you need to enter two different categories.

If you are successful and win the title of Champion, we expect you to organize or teach at least one A&S class in the next year.

If you don't feel up to vying for Champion, please feel free to enter any of the categories. A&S competitions are a good way to get feedback on your research and skills.
Here is the website for the event:
http://kyrrin.wix.com/tribaronial2016
And here is the website that lists the divisions and categories:
http://www.kmoas.outlands.org/kas_divisions.php

If you have further questions about the competition, please contact us or Mistress Signy. One last thing – please take a moment to look at the Order of Precedence. Look yourselves up and make sure that all the awards you have received are logged. If they haven't been, let us know and we will pass it along, or you can report it yourself to White Stag Principal Herald, Baron Randal Carrick (whitestag@outlandsherald.org). Please include the date you received the award and which Crown or B&B who gave it to you.

We hope to see all of you at all the things!

Yours assured,
Anne & Matilda
Baronesses of Caer Galen

Announcements

January Meeting - Baroness Keridwen

Good afternoon Caer Galen!

This upcoming business meeting, we will be having something just *slightly* different from the norm:

This will be a "Let's get together and chat about goals and events for this upcoming year" I would like all officers and all deputies to please make plans to attend on January 4th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Now, here is the kicker: We are going to have it at my house. Yes -- Casa de Leuzzi will be hosting this shin-dig and there will be delicious Dwen Tacos to consume!

Please, msg. me privately if you would like to attend so I know how much food to prepare (and get vegetarian things if needed) -- this meeting is open to everyone who is interested in the Barony, its goals for this upcoming year and if you may or may not be interested in being an officer or an event steward (or perhaps, you just like tacos!)

See you in a few weeks!

~Your friendly neighborhood seneschal
Dwen

Awards & Recognition

Midwinter - Baronial

Thorunn Grimmsdottir – Harp and Chalice
Erasmus – Hedgehog
Alexandra – Hedgehog
Jordan Loch – Bard Militant
Lisa Ua Brian – Chalice of St. William the Cooper
Livia Agrinali – Golden Nightingale
Miguel Iolo de Genoa – Arch
Maria Castellana – Curmudgeon
Tatiana Bonacieux – Storyteller
Dominique du Montmartre – Arch (in absentia, from Bows, Bridles & Blades)

Kingdom Awards & Recognition for Midwinter will be posted in a later newsletter.

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